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Missouri Gaming Commission Takes Active Role in Casino Aztar at Caruthersville

Jefferson City, November 3, 2006 - The Missouri Gaming Commission is working in tandem with Casino Aztar, and state and local government officials to preserve jobs and tax revenues in Caruthersville.

On Friday, the Missouri Gaming Commission approved an agreement to appoint a Supervisor to oversee operations of the riverboat casino. The action was necessary after a new owner for Casino Aztar could not be licensed before a November 19th deadline. Executive Director Gene McNary says "the Missouri Gaming Commission and Governor Blunt's office were concerned a lapse in operations would occur, jeopardizing jobs and revenue to the local economy." McNary adds "Casino Aztar employs 283 people and contributes over 6 million dollars a year in fees and taxes to the economy. A shutdown would have a powerful effect on Caruthersville, surrounding Pemiscot County and the state."

A press conference will be held at Casino Aztar in Caruthersville on Tuesday, November 7th at 11:00 a.m. MGC Officials, Casino Aztar management, Caruthersville Mayor, and state and local elected officials will be present.

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